

OFFICE OF THE
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(Congregational).

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THE FOURTH MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PASTOR TO THE CHURCH CABINET

Season of 1906-7

Presented at the fourth cabinet meeting on Dec. 19th.

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To the members of South Church Cabinet,

Peabody Mass.

Dear Friends:- The recapitulation of experiences personal and churchly includes a large variety of events. Except for the five days in which the pastor was confined to the house with a severe cold, it has been a very busy month for him. A series of carefully prepared lectures to the sunday school teachers introductory to the international lessons of next year have added considerable to his work both in study and presentation. Three out of a series of five such lectures have been prepared and delivered before the teachers who met at six o'clock for tea in the vestry prior to the regular people's meeting on Friday evening.

Since the November meeting of this cabinet the pastor has prepared and delivered seven sermons and two public addresses, conducted four people's meetings and attended in an official capacity seventeen gatherings of various sorts including the auxiliaries of the church. Fourteen pastoral calls have been made and nine pastoral letters written. There have been three funerals, two of which removed members of this church, viz., Robert Murray, and Mrs. Jennie H. Arnold. There have thus far been no weddings during the pastorate. The thanksgiving service proved a great success and demon-

strated to the pastor's entire satisfaction that the people of Peabody approve of such observance of the day. Plans should be laid to make the gathering a still greater success next year.

In response to a suggestion from the pulpit that certain apparatus would add to the efficiency of South Church, Mr. Herman Cassino has presented to the church an almost new and perfectly usable Edison Mimeograph. Deacon Frye has negotiated for the purchase of a new electric stereopticon which will be presented and used for the first time next Sunday evening. The instrument has two sets of lenses suitable for use in the main auditorium and in the vestry. The thanks of the church are due to both these gentlemen for their generosity. The pastor would like to speak of a valuable present received from a member of this cabinet which will add much to his personal comfort and appearance throughout the winter, but he has been requested not to mention the donor's name.

Under the head of new business the pastor has a number of suggestions to make which can be discussed at the proper time

Respectfully submitted

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